

REMARKS

In view of the foregoing amendments and following remarks responsive to the Office Action of September 22, 2004, Applicant respectfully requests favorable reconsideration of this Application.

The Examiner rejected claims 1, 2 and 6 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 6,201,829 to Schneider in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,738,935 to Kimmitt. In addition, the Examiner objected to claims 3–5 and 7–15 as being dependent upon a rejected base claim but indicated that these claims would be allowable if rewritten in independent form to include all of the limitations of the base claims and any intervening claims. The Applicant thanks the Examiner for this indication of allowability.

By the present amendment, the Applicant has canceled the rejected claims 1, 2 and 6. The rejection of these claims is thus moot. In addition, the Applicant has amended claims 3, 5, 7, 11, 14 and 15 to incorporate the corresponding limitations of original claims 1, 2 and 6. The Applicant has also amended claim 7 to make a typographical correction and amended claims 8, 9 and 10 to replace "A communication link" with "The receiver" in order to provide proper antecedent basis.

In view of these amendments, the application is now in condition for allowance. Applicant respectfully requests the Examiner to issue a Notice of Allowance at the earliest date. The Examiner is invited to contact Applicant's undersigned counsel by telephone call in order to further the prosecution of this case in any way.

Respectfully submitted,

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